



## Gloria Jean Wright

April 15, 1954 - September 28, 2021

### LIFE REFLECTIONS OF GLORIA JEAN JONES-WRIGHT

Gloria Jean Jones-Wright, daughter of the late James Jones and Mary Handy, entered this life on April 15, 1954 in Pocomoke, Maryland. She departed this life on Tuesday, September 28, 2021 as her devoted husband Lenny held her hand as the angels escorted Gloria to her final resting place.

In her early years, Gloria was moved to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to live with her father and his wife Yvonne. She was blessed to have two families that loved her very much. All of her educational studies were provided by the Philadelphia school system. She attended University City High School where she participated on the Track Team and Pep Squad.

Gloria accepted Christ and was baptized in her teens. Her Christian foundation was taught at Greater Works Ministries, under the pastoral leadership of Dr. Ruth M. Jackson.

As an adult, she joined the membership of Faith Temple of Deliverance under the leadership of Apostle Joel Charleston who also affirmed Gloria as an Ordained Minister of the Gospel. She and her husband actively attended until they relocated to Salisbury, Maryland. After establishing residence in Salisbury, they became faithful members of Mount Olive Baptist Church in

Dublin, Maryland.

Gloria met the love of her life Leonard Wright and they were joined in Holy Matrimony on August 23, 2002. This union of nineteen (19) years lovingly held true to the vow they made to each other of, "In sickness and in health until death do we part."

Affectionately known as "Taffy", growing up she was very inquisitive and always eager to learn. She was a very sociable person who made friends easily. Taffy had such a zest for life, vibrant, outgoing, adventurous, loved to travel, loved to explore different restaurants, she lived well. She was a fashionable dresser who always aspired to be her best self. Among her favorite things to do was cooking – whenever she and Lenny invited you to a "cook-out" you were guaranteed a smorgasbord of finger licking good food.

Her other favorite pastime was shopping. Those who knew Gloria can attest to the fact that she was a "shop-a-holic QVC ordering Queen" but most of the items were to give to others. She had a very generous heart.

She had a strong work ethic early in life and took on many tasks after school and weekends. Beginning with babysitting for family friends, her ambitious nature led her to various occupations. Just to name a few, they included Mancurist, Nurses Assistant, and she was trained to become an Amtrak Conductor. Finally Gloria was hired at SCI Graterford to the position of a Correctional Officer where she remained for ten (10) years and retired due to health challenges.

Gloria was preceded in death by her parents, James Jones and Mary Handy, sisters, Anntionette Richardson and Barbara Boyce and stepmother, Yvonne Jones.

To cherish her memory, she leaves: her devoted husband, Leonard Wright; children, Marc Jones, Danielle Wright, Erica Wright, William Wright, Loukeya Wright and Leonard Wright IV; brothers, Rev. Alonzo Schoolfield (Peggy), Lawrence Handy (Olevia), Charles Handy (Betty), Calvin Handy, Anthony Handy, Barry Handy (Tanya), James Jones, Jr., (Maria) and Derrick Allen; sisters, Norma Williams, Peggy Shivers, Patty Handy, Kimberly Jones and Kellie Jones; 17 Grandchildren; 2 Great-Grandchildren; 11 Nephews; 13 Nieces; special friends, Marsha Romero and Zock Steel and numerous other relatives and friends.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **10**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bennie Smith Life Celebration Center  
901 West Isabella Street  
Salisbury, MD 21801

## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ While working at the jail, Officer Gloria Jones-Wright (Taffy) was always quick to crack a joke, or a smile. In a place where adversity awaits you on a daily basis Taffy was always a good, pleasant person to work with. The day went easier, and a little quicker when we worked together. "Time flies when you are having fun." Officer Jones-Wright was a good, reliable officer who's diligence allowed us to quell disturbances, before they got out of hand. Taffy was a good friend who made her intentions, and well wishes known through her deeds. She could tell a compelling story ensuring her best wishes were known, but her true spirit was demonstrated by her many kind deeds, and her caring words of wisdom, guidance, and support.

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**Sgt Janie McNeil** - October 10, 2021 at 11:44 AM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gloria Jean Wright.



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October 06, 2021 at 06:45 PM



“ Gloria, I am going to miss you. I am sorry this happened but I will see you in heaven with a new body.

*Love your best friend, Delores*

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**Delores Thompson** - October 04, 2021 at 09:35 PM

AT

“ I am at a lost for words. We just reconnected after so many years and my gosh it was refreshing. You had a voice that was unforgettable and the persona of a queen. You were in a class all by yourself and as mom said, you never wavered in your faith. You trusted God until the end. We have so many memories of church services, outings and more. You will be missed my darling. We love you.

Alyce Thompson - October 04, 2021 at 06:17 PM

AL

“ I'm going to missed all the cookout and Holidays you have. These couple of days has been hard on me because asking me what did I cooked today.

Alex - October 04, 2021 at 06:15 PM

ZS

“ The last couple of days have been hard, not being able to call you to laugh about something that happened to me on the road. I don't know how the rest of my life will be without you but I do know when I see you again I have a lot to share. Love you mom mom ❤️❤️

Zock Steele - October 04, 2021 at 06:01 PM

MR

“ I'm going to forever miss your beautiful smile, kind words and many prayers . I LOVE YOU ❤️🥹. Rest In Peace. Your daughter and Best Friend Marsha.



MARSHA ROMERO - October 04, 2021 at 05:50 PM